

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
North Coast Region

Notice of Public Hearing and Notice of Issuance of an Order  
Administrative Civil Liability Order No. R1-2008-0112

For

Discharges in Violation of the Water Quality Control Plan  
for the North Coast Region and  
State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ

In The Matter of  
Humboldt Community Services District  
WDID No. 1SSO11419

Humboldt County

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (Regional Water Board), Assistant Executive Officer issued Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R1-2008-0064 on May 21, 2008 to the Humboldt Community Services District (hereinafter the Discharger). The Complaint was issued for discharges in violation of the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region and State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ. The Civil Liability amount was \$25,000.

The Discharger has paid \$10,000 into the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA), and will spend at least the remaining \$15,000 of the penalty on an improvement project. The project will upgrade the Edgewood Lift Station by installing a new pump. The new pump will increase pumping capacity and ability to compensate for high inflow rates with a higher margin of safety.

***Public Hearing Procedures***

The Regional Water Board will hold a public hearing on this matter on December 11, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., or as announced in the Regional Water Board's summary agenda to be mailed on or about October 1, 2008. The meeting is scheduled to be held in the Regional Water Board Hearing Room at 5550 Skylane Blvd. Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. At the hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify the proposed Civil Liability, or take other enforcement action.

The Discharger and interested persons must submit to the Regional Water Board office at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California, 95403, written copies of all technical reports, testimony, and other evidentiary material concerning this issue by 5:00 p.m. on October 29, 2008. This written material will be made available to the Regional Water Board members and all interested persons.

Written material received after the above date will not be accepted, except at the discretion of the Regional Water Board Chair. Untimely written material will not be accepted or incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice the Discharger or the Regional Water Board staff. The Chair may choose to modify this rule

upon a showing of severe hardship (California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 648.1 and 648.4).

All those who plan to testify at the hearing must submit written statements to the Regional Water Board by November 17, 2008. The statements should provide the name of the witness, their qualifications (if an expert), and the scope of their intended testimony. Testimony at the above-scheduled hearing may summarize or explain timely submitted or late-accepted written evidence, but shall not add new evidence. The time constraints for oral testimony or comments will be set by the Regional Water Board Chair and usually will allow no more than ten minutes each for Regional Water Board staff and the Discharger and three minutes each for other interested persons. A timer may be used and speakers are expected to honor the time limits. Where speakers can be grouped by affiliation or interest, such groups will be expected to select a spokesperson and not be repetitive.

### ***Document Review***

The proposed Order is available for review on the Regional Water Board web site at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders/). That document, as well as the other evidentiary documents and the file, may be inspected or copied at the Regional Water Board office on Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Appointments are recommended for file review. Appointments may be made by calling (707) 576-2220. For further information, please contact Regional Water Board staff member Nick Weil at (707) 576-6716 or email at [nweil@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:nweil@waterboards.ca.gov) if you have any questions.

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